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MAY 24, 1974

TO: JERRY BREMER/PETER RODMAN
FOR: HENRY A. KISSINGER
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

THERE IS STILL SOME DISORDER HERE IN GETTING READY FOR TTB
TECHNICAL TALKS WITH THE SOVIETS BY MAY 29.

ONE OF THE PROBLEMS IS THAT WE HAVE JUST FLOATED THE 29TH
WITH THE BUREAUCRACY AND SCHLESINGER, WHILE NOT BALKING, IS ACTING
SLIGHTLY AS IF HE MAY THINK WE HAVE BEEN MANUEVERING BEHIND HIS
BACK. TO BEGIN TALKS ON THE 29TH, WE WOULD HAVE TO PUT THE
DELEGATION TOGETHER WITH INSTRUCTIONS BY THE END OF THE DAY TODAY,
GIVEN THE LONG WEEKEND COMING UP. IT CAN BE DONE, BUT NOW
WITHOUT MAKING IT A BIT OF A CRASH OPERATION, AND THEREBY
RAISING QUESTIONS ABOUT WHY WE NEED TO BEGIN ON THE 29TH.

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State Dept. review completed

WE ARE IN GOOD SHAPE ON THE INSTRUCTIONS, BUT WE DO NOT YET
HAVE A CHAIRMAN FOR THE DELEGATION. STOESSEL, WHO WAS SUGGESTED IN
TOHAK 266 AS A POSSIBILITY, HAS MET WITH OBJECTIONS FROM ACDA
AND DEFENSE. WE COULD PERHAPS USE HIM AS TITULAR CHAIRMAN,
WITH ACDA AND AEC DEPUTIES WHO WOULD ACTUALLY RUN THINGS. THERE
IS NO "NATURAL" AT HAND TO ACT AS DELEGATION CHAIRMAN. MY
OWN FEELING IS THAT, IDEALLY, EITHER AEC OR ACDA SHOULD CHAIR
THE GROUP, BUT THEIR TECHNICALLY PROFICIENT TYPES ARE FAIRLY
JUNIOR. IKLE WOULD GIVE US PROBLEMS. DIXIE LEE RAY WILL BE
SUGGESTING AN AEC NOMINEE TO ME LATER TODAY. HAROLD BROWN IS A POSS-
IBILITY, BUT WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK.

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE
INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

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ALL THIS IS BY WAY OF SAYING I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE A FEW MORE DAYS TO SORT THINGS OUT AND TO AVOID ANY ACCUSATIONS OF "RAILROADING". WHAT WOULD YOU THINK OF MY ASKING DOBRYNIN IF WE CAN START THE TALKS ON JUNE 3 RATHER MAY 29? (HYLAND SUGGESTS THAT, AS AN ALTERNATIVE WE COULD OFFER TO HAVE THE SOVIETS COME HERE, THUS AUTOMATICALLY GIVING US A FEW MORE DAYS.)

REQUEST YOUR GUIDANCE SOONEST.

WARM REGARDS.

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